



Virginia Green Lodging Profile:



Summerfield Inn Bed & Breakfast Abingdon, Virginia

Virginia Green Lodging is the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) initiative to promote pollution prevention (P2) practices in the tourism and hospitality industry. **Green Lodging** encourages hotels, resorts, and other hospitality operations to be aware of their impact on the environment and to take steps to reduce these impacts. **Green Lodging** is a non-regulatory program, and participation is completely voluntary and free of charge.

Summerfield Inn

Summerfield Inn is a 1920's era home centrally located in Abingdon's Historic District. Four large guest rooms are located on the second floor of the main house and three additional rooms are located in the carriage house. Summerfield Inn is committed to environmental excellence and works to minimize environmental impacts whenever possible.

Green Lodging Activities. When visiting Summerfield Inn, you can expect the following practices:

- 🌱 **Optional linen service** in rooms
- 🌱 **Recycling** opportunities for guests
- 🌱 **Water conservation**
- 🌱 **Energy conservation**
- 🌱 **Green events**



Optional Linen Service

- Train house cleaners on process of optional linen service
- Purchase water efficient washers and dryers
- Use non-phosphate, non-toxic, biodegradable laundry detergents
- Minimize the use of bleach and chlorinated chemicals

Recycling

- Recycle glass, aluminum cans, steel cans, plastic, office paper, toner cartridges, newspaper, cardboard, packing supplies, fluorescent lamps, batteries and electronics equipment

Waste Reduction

- Tracking overall waste bills
- Fill bulk soap dispensers instead of using individual soaps
- Instruct housekeeping to save and reuse unopened items
- Eliminate use of Styrofoam
- Use dishware and glassware to minimize use of disposables
- Disposable containers made from recycled content
- Use non-bleached napkins and coffee filters

- Provide condiments, cream and sugar in bulk
- Refill water pitchers to minimize single use bottles
- Implement effective food inventory system to minimize waste
- Purchase locally grown, organic, sustainable grown produce and other foods
- Purchase recycled-content paper-towels and toilet paper
- Purchase from vendors and service providers with a commitment to the environment
- Use two-sided copying and printing
- Use electronic correspondence and forms
- Use “green” cleaners that are dispensed in bulk
- Purchase durable equipment and furniture
- Use latex paint
- Recycle/dispose of thinners and solvents properly
- Use preventative maintenance on all appliances, HVAC systems, plumbing and vehicles
- Effective inventory system and labeling of last-in/first-out
- Use least toxic materials
- Minimize use of pesticides and herbicides and use integrated pest management

Water Conservation

- Track overall water usage and wastewater
- Preventative maintenance of drips and leaks
- High efficiency dishwashers
- Use dry clean up methods over water-based methods
- Low flow toilets and restrictors on faucets and showerheads
- Effective landscape management plan



Energy Conservation

- Track overall energy bills and set a numeric goal to reduce
- Use high efficiency compact fluorescent light bulbs in rooms and spotlights
- Use high efficiency fluorescent ballasts and lamps
- Have High Efficiency Heating & Air Conditioning and use ceiling fans
- Individual thermostats for each room
- Use natural lighting whenever possible
- Purchase EnergyStar computers and appliances
- Use directional lighting in parking lots and walkways

For more information on **Summerfield Inn**, see
<http://summerfieldinn.com>.

For more information on **Virginia Green Lodging** program, see
www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/lodging.



Virginia Green Lodging program is a supporting partner of **Virginia Green**, the Commonwealth’s campaign to encourage environmentally-friendly practices in all aspects of Virginia’s tourism industry. Virginia Green is supported through a partnership between the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, the Virginia Hospitality & Travel Association, and the Virginia Tourism Corporation.

